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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 2654

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, ML, UV, TO

SUBJECT: BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN MALI AND UPPER VOLTA

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1. AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU TELLS ME THAT PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S MEDIATION EFFORTS WERE INCONCLUSIVE. WHAT EYADEMA HAD IN MIND APPARENTLY WAS ANOTHER SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN LAMIZANA AND TRAORE TO TRY TO FIND A MODUS VIVENDI. MALIANS, HAVING ALREADY TAKEN WHAT THEY WANTED, ARE REPORTEDLY QUITE WILLING TO SIT DOWN WITH VOLTANS ONCE MORE, LAMIZANA, HOWEVER, FEELS THAT HIS LAST MEETING WITH TRAORE AT FARAMANA WAS MERELY A COVER-UP FOR MALIAN AGRESSION. HE APPARENTLY TOLD EYADEMA THAT TRAORE HAD DECEIVED HIM AND THAT HE WOULD NOT MEET AGAIN WITH HIM EITHER IN MALI OR IN UPPER VOLTA. ACCORDING TO YAGUIBOU, EYADEMA MAY HAVE LEFT WITH IMPRESSION THAT

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A MEETING COULD STILL BE HELD ON NEUTRAL GROUND, BUT

THERE WAS NO COMMITMENT FROM LAMIZANA TO ATTEND SUCH MEETING.

2. YAGUIBOU STATES THAT ALL VOLTAN AMBASSADORS WERE RECALLED IN ORDER TO BE BRIEFED ON BORDER DISPUTE AND GOUV POSITION SO THAT THEY COULD PRESENT UPPER VOLTA'S CASE TO HOST GOVERNMENTS. IN ANSWER TO MY QUESTION, YAGUIBOU SAID THAT GOUV WAS NOT CONTEMPLATING AN APPEAL TO UN AT THIS STAGE, BUT HE DID NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE.

3. I ASKED YAGUIBOU WHAT HE THOUGHT MALIAN MOTIVES WERE IN THE CONFRONTATION. HE SAID MOST GOUV OFFICIALS HE HAD TALKED TO, INCLUDING PRESIDENT LAMIZANA, WERE OF THE OPINION THAT TRAORE IS IN TROUBLE AT HOME BECAUSE OF WIDESPREAD CORRUPTION AMONG HIGH RANKING MEMBERS OF HIS MILITARY REGIME, INCLUDING MINISTER OF DEFENSE, AND THAT HE NEEDED A DIVERSION AT BORDER IN ORDER TO REMAIN IN POWER. SOME OFFICIALS ALSO BELIEVE THAT MALIANS HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THERE MAY BE URANIUM AND OIL IN THE AREA CLAIMED BY MALI.

4. YAGUIBOU SAID THAT HE PLANNED TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON DURING NEXT WEEK-END.  
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